

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON SENATE BILL 261

Call to Order: Chair Llew Jones, on April 26, 2017 at 10:00 A.M., in Room 350 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Llew Jones, Chair (R)
Rep. Nancy Ballance, Chair (R)
Rep. Randy Brodehl (R)
Rep. Jennifer Eck (D)
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)
Sen. Jon C. Sesso (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division
Julie Johnson, Legislative Services Division
Jaret Coles, Legislative Services Division
Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Executive Action: SB 261 Be Amended
Recommend Adoption of the Free Conference Committee Report

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 261

00:00:23 **Motion:** Rep. Ballance moved that **SB 261 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(frs86sb0261a01\)](#)

Discussion:

00:00:43 Julie Johnson, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
00:01:51 Chair Jones
00:01:56 Ms. Johnson, LSD
00:02:12 Amy Carlson, legislative analyst, Legislative Fiscal Division
[EXHIBIT\(frs86sb0261a02\)](#)

00:03:01 Recess
00:04:33 Reconvene

00:04:34 Ms. Carlson, LFD
00:05:44 Sen. Moore
00:05:55 Ms. Carlson
00:06:29 Rep. Brodehl

00:07:37 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote in both the Senate and the House.

00:07:47 **Motion:** Rep. Ballance moved that **SB 261 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(frs86sb0261a03\)](#)

Discussion:

00:08:12 Jaret Coles, LSD
00:12:43 Chair Jones
00:12:50 Sen. Sesso
00:13:31 Mr. Coles
00:14:29 Sen. Sesso
00:14:30 Mr. Coles
00:14:38 Chair Jones
[EXHIBIT\(frs86sb0261a04\)](#)

00:15:17 Mr. Coles
00:15:45 Sen. Sesso
00:16:26 Mr. Coles
00:18:10 Sen. Sesso
00:18:47 Mr. Coles
00:21:30 Rep. Eck
00:21:45 Mr. Coles
00:22:00 Sen. Moore
00:22:11 Mr. Coles
00:22:16 Sen. Sesso
00:23:23 Chair Jones
00:23:32 Mr. Coles

00:24:35 Sen. Sesso
 00:25:09 Chair Jones
 00:25:20 Mr. Coles
 00:25:55 Sen. Sesso
 00:27:13 Mr. Coles
 00:27:19 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
 00:27:40 Rep. Eck
 00:28:12 Chair Jones
 00:28:22 Rep. Eck
 00:28:33 Chair Jones
 00:28:48 Mr. Coles
 00:31:20 Sen. Sesso
 00:32:11 Mr. Coles
 00:39:36 Sen. Sesso
 00:40:14 Mr. Coles
 00:50:10 Chair Jones
 00:50:33 Rep. Ballance
 00:51:29 Mr. Coles
 00:52:13 Rep. Ballance
 00:52:57 Rep. Eck

00:53:08 **Motion:** Rep. Ballance moved **A CONCEPTUAL AMENDMENT** to true up the trigger numbers.

Discussion:

00:54:04 Chair Jones
 00:54:21 Sen. Sesso
 00:54:36 Chair Jones

00:55:00 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote in both the Senate and the House.

Discussion:

00:55:24 Sen. Sesso
 00:56:47 Mr. Coles
 00:58:17 Sen. Sesso
 00:59:27 Mr. Coles
 00:59:31 Sen. Sesso
 01:01:20 Mr. Coles

01:01:55 **Motion:** Sen. Sesso moved **A CONCEPTUAL AMENDMENT** that the language in Section 2 related to the Older Montanans Trust Fund and the language on page 24, Section 5 of HB 638 go forward without a trigger.

Discussion:

01:03:28 Chair Jones
 01:03:54 Sen. Sesso

01:04:49 Chair Jones
 01:04:53 Mr. Coles
 01:05:53 Chair Jones
 01:05:57 Sen. Moore
 01:06:11 Sen. Sesso
 01:06:39 Sen. Moore
 01:06:45 Ms. Wilkinson, LFD
 01:06:59 Chair Jones
 01:07:05 Ms. Wilkinson
 01:07:37 Chair Jones
 01:07:46 Ms. Wilkinson
 01:08:10 Chair Jones
 01:08:17 Sen. Moore
 01:08:28 Ms. Wilkinson
 01:09:02 Rep. Ballance
 01:10:03 Sen. Sesso

01:11:47 **Vote:** Motion failed 1-2 by roll call vote in the Senate with Sen. Sesso voting aye and 1-2 by roll call in the House with Rep. Eck voting aye.

01:12:26 Without objection, Sen. Sesso moved **TO SEGREGATE SECTION 16 ON PAGE 8 OF THE AMENDMENT.**

01:12:56 Chair Jones

01:13:12 **Motion:** Rep. Eck moved **A CONCEPTUAL AMENDMENT** to add an equivalent amount of proprietary funding authority to the State Library and the Montana Historical Society.

Discussion:

01:14:04 Chair Jones
 01:14:21 Mr. Coles
 01:15:09 Sen. Moore
 01:15:24 Rep. Eck
 01:15:42 Sen. Sesso

00:16:23 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote in both the Senate and the House.

01:16:56 **Motion:** Rep. Eck moved **A CONCEPTUAL AMENDMENT** to allow the Historical Society the appropriation authority to state special revenue from the bed tax.

Discussion:

01:17:37 Chair Jones
 01:18:14 Rep. Eck
 01:18:25 Mr. Coles
 01:18:52 Chair Jones
 01:18:59 Rep. Ballance

01:19:18 Chair Jones
01:19:29 Mr. Coles
01:19:49 Sen. Sesso

01:20:28 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote in both the Senate and the House.

Discussion:

01:20:54 Sen. Moore
01:22:10 Chair Jones
01:22:36 Ms. Wilkinson
01:23:24 Chair Jones
01:23:59 Ms. Wilkinson
01:24:10 Chair Jones
01:24:18 Ms. Wilkinson
01:24:36 Chair Jones
01:25:34 Sen. Sesso
01:27:42 Rep. Ballance
01:29:22 Rep. Eck
01:31:17 Rep. Brodehl

01:32:18 **Vote:** Motion **TO AMEND HB 261** carried unanimously by voice vote in both the Senate and the House.

01:32:31 Chair Jones

Note: In lieu of motion, the signed Committee Report indicates that all committee members present and voting recommend that the FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT BE ADOPTED.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:03 PM

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([frs86sb0261aad.pdf](#))